



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0785A
Yoshihito KAWAMURA et al. : **Confirmation No. 7359**
Serial No. 10/579,971 : Group Art Unit 1793
Filed May 23, 2006 : Examiner Sikyin Ip
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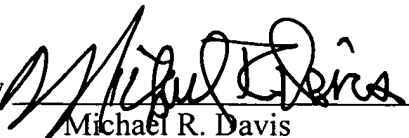
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby express their intention to file a reply to the Advisory Action of December 16, 2009, which they expect will include a Declaration of the evidence filed December 2, 2009, and a reply to the Examiner's comment in the Advisory Action that the annealed samples of the cited reference have not been shown/tested. It is expected that the reply will be filed during the first part of February 2010. The Examiner is kindly requested to hold off further action on the application until the reply is filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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